



JAMES A. NOYES, Director

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

*"Enriching Lives"*

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331  
Telephone: (626) 458-5100  
www.ladpw.org

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
P.O. BOX 1460  
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **T-3**  
**A947i**

February 26, 2004

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes  
Director of Public Works

### **LAKE MANOR DRIVE TRAFFIC MEASURES BOARD MOTION OF JANUARY 13, 2004, SYNOPSIS 47-C**

On January 13, 2004, your Board directed us to implement various traffic measures on Lake Manor Drive in the unincorporated Chatsworth area and report back to your Board with an implementation schedule. On February 4, 2004, representatives of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's office, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and Public Works met with approximately 120 members of the community to discuss ways to improve traffic conditions on Lake Manor Drive. Based upon community input at this meeting, we moved forward with the following traffic improvements.

Measure #1: Install stop signs for motorists traveling both eastbound and westbound along Lake Manor Drive.

During the meeting, we provided the community with information on the use and effectiveness of traffic control devices. Due to the disparate views on other traffic improvement proposals, another community meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, 2004. This meeting will further outline the advantages and disadvantages of multiway stop signs.

Measure #2: Install street lights on either side of Lake Manor Drive, both adjacent to the sidewalk and along other sections of the roadway as deemed appropriate by Public Works.

We authorized Southern California Edison (SCE) to install a street light at the intersection of Lake Manor Drive and Thompson Avenue. The estimated operating cost is \$280 annually. We anticipate that SCE will install the street light on Lake Manor Drive at Thompson Avenue within 4 weeks. We will also conduct further analysis to determine the suitability of installing street lights at other locations along Lake Manor Drive.

Measures #3 and #4: Install flashing beacons on pole signs to alert motorists about the presence of pedestrians in the area, and install in-ground flashing beacons along the crosswalk.

We analyzed the suitability of installing a pedestrian crossing enhancement system comprised of In-Roadway Warning Lights (IRWLs) along the crosswalk lines at Lake Manor Drive and Thompson Avenue. The study found that traffic conditions at the intersection are below levels at which this type of system is considered effective. In addition, due to the lack of community support, we do not recommend these measures at this time.

Measure #5: Install flashing beacons on pole signs to alert motorists whenever Fire Department vehicles are exiting onto Lake Manor Drive.

We have relocated the existing fence along the south side of Lake Manor Drive between Thompson Avenue and the Fire Station's driveway to enhance visibility for motorists exiting the Fire Station's driveway. As a result, the installation of additional flashing beacons on Lake Manor Drive is unnecessary.

Measure #6: Repaint the existing crosswalk along Lake Manor Drive.

The existing marked crosswalk on Lake Manor Drive at Thompson Avenue was repainted on January 9, 2004.

#### Removal of "School Bus Stop 400 Feet" signs

The school bus stop warning signs in each direction of Lake Manor Drive will be removed in the next 2 weeks. These signs are no longer necessary due to the relocation of the school bus stop to the church parking lot.

### Lowering of Speed Limit

Speed checks conducted on January 6, 2004, revealed that the prevailing speed on Lake Manor Drive has decreased since the previous speed check in September 2001. Therefore, the speed limit on Lake Manor Drive can be reduced from 35 to 30 mph. Assuming receipt of concurrence from the CHP and the City of Los Angeles, this recommendation will be submitted to your Board for consideration within the next 4 weeks.

### Speed Display Signs

We will install two permanent pole-mounted "Driver Feedback Speed Display" signs facing eastbound and westbound traffic on Lake Manor Drive. These signs use radar and are intended to encourage speed reduction by providing motorists a display of vehicular speed. Motorists will have real-time feedback of the speed at which they are traveling in comparison with the posted speed limit. These speed display signs will be installed within the next 2 months. As an interim measure, we will place a CHP-furnished sign to inform motorists of the CHP's enforcement efforts on Lake Manor Drive. A sample of this sign was presented by the CHP to the community during the meeting. It is anticipated that these interim signs will be placed in the next 4 weeks at the same location of the future speed display sign.

We intend to meet with the Chatsworth community on March 15, 2004, to continue to receive their viewpoint on Measure #1. We recommend that Measure #1 not be immediately implemented until we have an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the reduced speed limit and speed display signs. We will also report back to your Board with our final findings.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Bill Winter of our Traffic and Lighting Division at (626) 300-4700.

EKT:ja

P:\TLPUB\WPFILES\FILES\Board Letters\Boardmemo.lakemanor3.DOC

Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Public Works

At its meeting held January 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

47-C

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Lake Manor Drive is a two-lane road located in the unincorporated area of Chatsworth. A stretch of this road, approximately two miles in length, is heavily traveled both by local residents and commuters between Simi Valley and the San Fernando Valley. There is a crosswalk amidst a small commercial area that includes a County Fire Station and a handful of retail uses.

“Based upon inquiries from my office, staff of the Department of Public Works has reviewed the traffic and accident counts along Lake Manor Drive. Departmental staff has indicated, on several occasions, that the installation of traffic control devices is not ‘warranted’ pursuant to existing Departmental guidelines.

“On December 19, 2003 Brandon Martin, age 12, was crossing Lake Manor Drive and was struck by a hit-and-run motorist. Brandon was severely injured and remains in the Intensive Care Unit at UCLA Medical Center. Given this tragedy it has become evident that additional traffic control measures should be implemented as soon as possible, acknowledging herein that the ‘warrant’ may not be present under existing Departmental guidelines.”

(Continued on Page 2)

47-C (Continued)

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Director of Public Works to implement the following measures along Lake Manor Drive, unincorporated Chatsworth area:
  - Install stop signs for motorists traveling both eastbound and westbound along Lake Manor Drive;
  - Install street lights on either side of Lake Manor Drive, both adjacent to the sidewalk and along other sections of the roadway as deemed appropriate by the Department of Public Works;
  - Install flashing beacons on pole signs to alert motorists about the presence of pedestrians in the area;
  - Install in-ground flashing beacons along the crosswalk;
  - Install flashing beacons on pole signs to alert motorists whenever Fire Department vehicles are exiting onto Lake Manor Drive; and
  - Repaint the existing crosswalk along Lake Manor Drive; and
2. Report back to the Board within 15 days concerning the implementation schedule for these facilities.

4011304-47-C

Copies distributed:  
Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JANUARY 13, 2004

Lake Manor Drive is a two-lane road located in the unincorporated area of Chatsworth. A stretch of this road, approximately two miles in length, is heavily traveled both by local residents and commuters between Simi Valley and the San Fernando Valley. There is a cross-walk amidst a small commercial area that includes a County Fire Station and a handful of retail uses.

Based upon inquiries from my office, staff of the Department of Public Works has reviewed the traffic and accident counts along Lake Manor Drive. Departmental staff has indicated, on several occasions, that the installation of traffic control devices is not "warranted" pursuant to existing Departmental guidelines.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> of 2003 Brandon Martin, age 12, was crossing Lake Manor Drive and was struck by a hit-and-run motorist. Brandon was severely injured and remains in the ICU at UCLA Medical Center. Given this tragedy it has become evident that additional traffic control measures should be implemented as soon as possible, acknowledging herein that the "warrants" may not be present under existing Departmental guidelines.

- M O R E -

MOTION

MOLINA	_____
BURKE	_____
YAROSLAVSKY	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____
KNABE	_____

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works to implement the following measures along Lake Manor Drive:

- Install stop signs for motorists traveling both eastbound and westbound along Lake Manor Drive;
- Install street lights on either side of Lake Manor Drive, both adjacent to the sidewalk and along other sections of the roadway as deemed appropriate by the Department;
- Install flashing beacons on pole signs to alert motorists about the presence of pedestrians in the area;
- Install in-ground flashing beacons along the cross-walk;
- Install flashing beacons on pole signs to alert motorists whenever Fire Department vehicles are exiting onto Lake Manor Drive; and
- Re-paint the existing cross-walk along Lake Manor Drive.

The Department shall report back to the Board of Supervisors within fifteen days concerning the implementation schedule for these facilities.

# # #

MDA:pno  
lakemanordrive